

**LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LSTCA)**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Mar 18, 2018, 1100 hours, Lake Louise Lodge**

The LSTCA Board Meeting was called to order by Dustin Overturf, President at 11:15 hours.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dustin Overturf, President  
Dalton Clark, Vice-President  
Kerin Fassler, Secretary  
Yvette Delaquito, Member  
Ted Kinney, Member (telephonically)

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Jeff Urbanus, Treasurer  
Wendy Simpson, Member

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Else

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Jim Sykes, MatSu Borough Assemblyman, District 1

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dustin Overturf.

**QUORUM:**

A quorum was established.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Minutes of the Oct 7, 2017, meeting were read. Dustin Overturf motioned to approve and Dalton Clark seconded. MOTION PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Dustin Overturf presented the treasurer's report through March 17, 2018 . There were deposits of \$306.56 and checks written totaling \$3,262.41. Ending balance is \$3,617.50. Primary Share Account has \$45,549.36 and there is a total on one certificate of \$2,647.28. A performance bond CD totaling \$1,000.00 brings the total on all accounts to \$52,814.50.

Motion made to approve treasurer's report. MOTION PASSED.

A Grant summary is listed below:

January 17, 2018 Grant Summary:

**2015 Community Assistance Grant Scope**

- Causeway improvements
- Insurance as required for the Community, Volunteer Fire Department, and the Fire Rescue Boat
- Lake Louise Snowmachine Club – groomer purchase
- Dumpster improvements (gravel)
- Administrative costs to accomplish Community Association business

**Remaining Balance of Funds**

\$0.00

**2016 Community Assistance Grant Scope**

- Dumpster improvements (gravel)
- Repair boat ramp at the causeway at the end of the Lake Louise Road (public launch)
- Channel safety improvements between Lake Louise and Susitna Lake which would include more signage
- Causeway improvements at the end of Lake Louise Road for parking and boat launch
- Engineering fees for causeway improvements at the end of Lake Louise Road
- Purchase of satellite phones for emergency response communication
- Search and Rescue
- Fire Protection to include fire equipment
- Administrative costs to accomplish Community Association business

**Remaining Balance of Funds**

\$2,496.69

**2017 Community Assistance Grant Scope**

- Administrative costs to include tax preparation services, insurance, community website services, weather station operation, attorney fees, etc.
- Dumpster Improvements
- Channel safety improvements between Lake Louise and Susitna Lake which would include more signage
- Improvements at the end of Lake Louise Road for parking and boat launch
- Purchase /service for satellite phones for emergency response communication
- Search and Rescue equipment including communication equipment
- Fire Protection to include fire equipment
- Support of local trail grooming efforts to provide property access.
- Signage for boating safety, water quality concerns, and invasive weeds
- Grading/plowing of local roads08/17
- Payment of fees associated with maintaining LSTCA Website, Weather Station, etc.

**Remaining Balance of Funds**  
12,900.00

**OLD**

**BUSINESS:**

**Copper Valley Telecom charges/services – community WIFI and web cam:** We currently pay \$130/month for weather station which is extensively used by numerous members of not only the board, but the general public. Weather at Lake Louise is generally considered to not

necessarily be the same as that as reported at Glenallen, so the weather station is a great help to those coming to visit. Kerin Fassler moved and Yvette Delaquito seconded to keep the funding for the weather station. MOTION PASSED.

**LSTCA Fire Department and continued funding by LSTCA Community vs. fire department pursuing their own grants for their expenses.** Although Fire Chief John Hicks was not able to attend today, general discussion for the yearly funding of the Fire Department was discussed in-depth. \$5,000 per year that had originally been set aside as a yearly stipend for the Fire Department is considerably higher than needed now that we have all the fire boxes placed. We still need funding for gas for the six-wheeler and general maintenance of the fire boxes. A good estimate from Mr. Hicks will be requested for what is needed now. Grant money was brought up by Joe Stam stating that the State of Alaska has funding that we could use for new boxes as needed. We just need to ask for it. Dustin Overturf motioned and Kerin Fassler seconded to move this item to the annual meeting in July for general discussion by the community. MOTION PASSED.

**Public Safety building update:** The public safety building is no longer viable for use for either storage of the emergency vehicle or for meetings. Mr. Sykes indicated he believes the MSB will find money to repair the building. Motion made by Dustin Overturf and seconded by Dalton Clark to move to the July meeting. MOTION PASSED.

**Public Boat Launch:** When the upgrades are made to the boat launch, it will be unusable for approximately 3 days. Timeframe for upgrade is May – Sep 2018 but is, hopefully, expected to be done by the annual meeting. According to Mr. Sykes they will begin construction when the ice is out. A \$40,000 grant is being pursued but there is also a \$75,000 grant that Dustin Overturf presented that we could apply for in addition. Mr. Overturf is going to follow-up on this potential additional funding and report back to the group. Kerin Fassler motioned to go forward on this request for funding and Dustin Overturf seconded. MOTION PASSED.

**Fire Truck:** This is a reaffirmation of previous conversations to enlighten the newest Board Members on the status of the fire truck. Status being conveyed, the fire truck issue is closed and no further action will be forthcoming. ITEM CLOSED.

**EMS Update:** Mike Fassler reported that the emergency transportation is still at the Borough being fitted. He indicated there is no definite date set for us to receive the vehicle. Depending on the MSB budget a temporary shelter is being pursued to house the new emergency vehicle when it is ready. The plan is to house the vehicle here from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March until the lake freezes in the fall. We can no longer use the Public Safety building as the garage door will no longer open to put the current vehicle inside.

**Fire Update:** A fire update will be provided at the annual meeting in July.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Raising Community dues:** General discussion indicates that the Board is receptive to increasing the annual dues but defers the item to the July meeting to get the consensus of the community. A change to the By-Laws will be required to raise the dues. Kerin Fassler motioned and Dalton Clark seconded to move to the July meeting. MOTION PASSED.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held on July 14, 10:00 at Lake Louise Lodge with a luncheon for the community afterwards. Dustin Overturf motioned to spend up to \$700 for food and Kerin Fassler seconded. MOTION PASSED.

**Board Member Positions:** There are two positions which will expire this summer, Wendy Simpson's and Jeff Urbanus's positions both need to be filled. Dalton Clark's wife has expressed an interest in helping with the treasurer position and it was suggested that possibly Wendy Simpson's position could be filled now rather than later to allow Mrs. Clark to work with Jeff Urbanus prior to the expiration of his duties. Ms. Simpson will be asked to see if she would be willing to step down early to accommodate this. A check of the By-Laws is required to see if an appointment to a treasurer position is legitimate.

**Community Newsletter:** Many thanks to Joe Stam for putting together the Community Newsletter for this year. Much discussion on whether the MSB would pay for the printing and mailing of it next year was made and it is going to be checked into. If the MSB can do this for us, we can concentrate on sending out an electronic version which is very cost effective. Need to verify that we can do a community directory off the LSTCA community website.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Jim Sykes reiterated to us all that if we have issues, we need to address them with the MSB. They are there to listen and assist as much as they can.
- He also gave lots of kudos to Yvette Delaquito for pursuing the road repair issues. She made a lot of progress but we need to stay on it. The "squeaky wheel" concept works well.
- He informed us that Mike Shower is our new senator – he replaced Mr. Dunleavy.
- We are still the only community to get free trash.
- Mr. Sykes informed the group he found a new "gel" battery that works down to -40 degrees. It is available at Susitna Energy on Fairbanks Street.
- Meeting Adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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KERIN FASSLER, Secretary

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Date

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DUSTIN OVERTURF, President

Date

Attachments:

Agenda

Oct 7, 2017, Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

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**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Mar 18, 2018, 1100 hrs, Lake Louise Lodge**

CALL TO ORDER: PRESIDENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS

QUORUM

SECRETARY'S READING OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES (Kerin Fassler)

TREASURER'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

- Copper Valley Telecom charges/services, Comm. WIFI and WebCam
- LSTCA Fire Department Funding
- Public Safety Building
- Public Boat Launch
- Fire Truck
- EMS Update from Mike Fassler
- Fire Update – John Hicks

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Dues
- Annual Meeting
- Board Member Positions
- Community Newsletter

MISCELLANEOUS – Member Input